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THE OLD TREASURY
Annapolis, ANNE ARUNDEL CO.
Maryland.

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Annapolis,
Maryland.

OWNER: State of Maryland

DATE OF ERECTION: 1694

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

PRESENT CONDITION: Good

NUMBER OF STORIES: One

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: Brick, slate roof on wood
construction, marble and
wood floors.

EXISTING RECORDS: Historical data quoted herein taken
from painted inscription and bronze
tablet on the building.

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HISTORICAL DATA:

Painted inscription over entrance door
in the vestibule:

"STATE Department of Education
Building erected 1694
1695-1837 used by Governor and Council
1837-1903 used by State Treasurer."

Bronze tablet on the exterior wall:

"THE OLD TREASURY
Built during the term of
Sir Francis Nicholson
Provincial Governor
of Maryland 1694-1699
Used as the Place of meeting
for the Governor's Council as
a Provincial Court Room and
as the Treasury of the Colony
and of the State of Maryland.

This tablet is placed by the

Peggy Stewart Tea Party Chapter
Daughters of the
American Revolution
Maryland Day March 25, 1930."

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The measurements of this building
were given to the Maryland HISTORIC AMERICAN
BUILDINGS SURVEY by Mr. H. G. Hall, Architect
of Baltimore, who made them in 1934, and the
drawings, ^{except one} were donated by Wyatt and Nolting,
Architects, of Baltimore.

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Old Treasury Building
State Circle
Annapolis
Anne Arundel County
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Addendum to
Old Treasury Building
Annapolis, Anne Arundel
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
OLD TREASURY BUILDING

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Location: State Circle, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Significance: A cruciform structure, built in 1735, and thought to be the oldest public building extant in Maryland.

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The Old Treasury Building was built in 1735, an early fireproof government building, perhaps the oldest in Maryland, which retains many of its original features.
2. Condition of the fabric: The condition of exterior brick masonry is excellent; it has been restored and repaired in recent years. The interiors were originally barrel vaulted in brick; this was replaced during restoration with a lighter material to reduce the side thrust.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The one-story building, approximately 42'x45', is laid out in a cruciform plan. A low basement extends over the east arm of the building.
2. Foundations: The foundations are of brick laid in Flemish bond. On the east part of the building, where the grounds slopes away, there is a plain water table and a few courses of sandstone.
3. Wall construction: Exterior walls are of brick $2\frac{3}{8}" \times 3\frac{3}{4}" \times 8\frac{1}{2}"$, laid in Flemish bond. The color of the brick varies from orange, through red to brown and dark purple. All joints have been repointed.
4. Structural system: Brick bearing exterior walls and partitions. The rooms were originally barrel vaulted in brick; this brick vaulting was replaced with a lighter material during restoration. A brick vault in the basement supports the floor above it; the remainder of the floor is supported by the ground with some added support of gravel fill.
5. Porches: The entrance porch is an enclosed brick gabled porch with a semi-circular arched opening.
6. Chimneys: Two end chimneys, flush with the wall, on the east and west gable ends.
7. Openings:
 - a. The front doorway, on the center of the south facade, is set within the porch, and has a segmentally arched opening. The casing is of wood, and the door is solid, and constructed of crossed planks.
 - b. Typical windows have segmentally arched heads and heavy wooden casings set flush with the masonry. The sills are of wood; the sashes are double hung, twelve lights over twelve lights, with vertical iron bars on the interior.

8. Roofs:

a. Shape, covering: The gable roof is now covered with ceramic tile which simulates wooden shingles which were the original covering.

b. Cornice: The gables are trimmed with fascia boards and the other sides with a refined molded wooden cornice.

C. Description of the Interior:

1. Floor plans: The nearly square entrance porch leads into a room which extends the eastern two-thirds of the main wing. The western one-third of the main wing is the treasurer's office. There is a single room in the north arm.

2. Flooring: The flooring is of brick.

3. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster walls continue through the barrel vaulted ceiling. The main room and the treasurer's office have a molded plaster cornice at the spring line.

4. Doorways and Doors: There are two interior doors, each with a heavy wooden casing set into the thick partition. One of these doors is similar to the entrance door; the other, which leads to the treasurer's office, has six molded panels with raised fields.

5. Decorative features and trim: Each room has a wooden base with a beaded upper edge. There are two paneled interior shutters of a somewhat heavy design. The hardware is original. The doors are hung on wrought iron strap hinges and HL hinges, and are fitted with thumb latches and bolts. The entrance door has a wrought iron box lock; the other doors have wooden box locks.

6. Heating (fireplaces, stoves, central): A fireplace at the end of the main room, and one opposite it in the treasurer's office, are the principle source of heat. They are of a similar design, on projecting chimneys. The openings are segmentally arched and framed by shouldered wooden architrave moldings arched across the top.

D. Site: The Old Treasury occupies a part of State Circle, near the Capitol Building, and faces south with an open space around it.